

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-72R

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MADISON RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; CALLING
ON THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE TO REJECT THE
DEANNEXATION OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY
OF MADISON**

WHEREAS the City of Madison has, for more than eight months, been negotiating with DeBartolo Company for the development of a major commercial development on 263 acres south of I-565 and west of Mountain Brook Subdivision ("the Property"), and

WHEREAS said development has the potential to generate millions of dollars in sales taxes for the benefit of the City's roads, schools and other public services and facilities, and

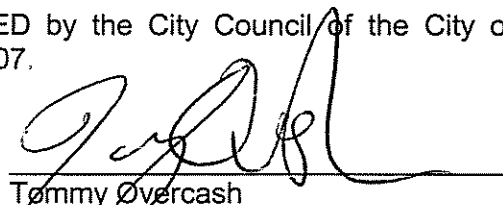
WHEREAS the Property abuts residential subdivisions in the City of Madison, and it is therefore in the public interest for that property to be subject to Madison's regulatory control to prevent land use conflicts; and

WHEREAS Senator Lowell Barron of Senate District 8 (Fyffe) has introduced two bills to deannex the Property from Madison, thereby depriving the City of badly needed tax revenues; and

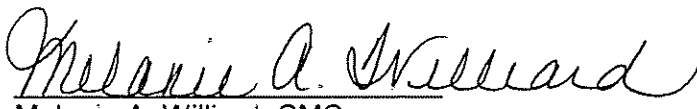
WHEREAS the subject deannexation would, by effecting an involuntary jurisdictional change during the development planning process, set a dangerous Statewide precedent, discouraging major developments from planning to locate in Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON that the City Council strongly urges the Alabama Legislature to reject the bills effecting the deannexation of the Property.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Madison, Alabama, on this the 26th day of March, 2007.


Tommy Overcash
President and Presiding Officer of the
City Council of the City of Madison

ATTEST:


Melanie A. Williard, CMC
City Clerk – Treasurer

APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2007.


Arthur S. Kirkindall, Mayor